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# Woodhouse Community Primary School

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Weekly Newsletter – Friday 19th September 2014

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**EDP Visit:** On Monday, Mrs Smith our Education Development Partner from the local authority visited school to monitor progress and developments. She was very impressed with the continued progress being made by all classes across the school and especially the KS 1 SAT results in the summer, which surpassed the national average in reading, writing and maths. In KS 2, the percentage of children achieving level 5 in maths was also above the national average, a first for WCPs. It is always wonderful when our school is recognised as moving forward in such a positive way and when behaviour, manners and the positive, warm and welcoming ethos is commented upon so favourably. Well done to everyone: onwards and upwards!

**Parents Meeting:** Thanks to everyone who attended the meeting for our Y4 & 5 residential visit to Ford Castle in a few weeks time. We have been thrilled with the interest shown by pupils and parents alike but all places have now been taken. We always keep a 'reserve list' in case anyone drops out at the last minute or in case behaviour is not of the high standard we expect in school and therefore a place would be forfeited.

**Year 6 Visit to Staindrop:** Well done to Year 6 who visited Staindrop School for a Curriculum taster day this week. They were with lots of other Year 6 pupils from a wide range of schools. I was delighted (and not surprised in the slightest) when Miss Kent reported that WCPs pupils showed exemplary behaviour all day and were model pupils. Fantastic, Year 6!

**Theatre Show:** This week the whole school was treated to a performance of 'Little Green Riding Hood', to teach about environmental issues. This links well with our SUDs project to develop our school grounds. Our Eco Warrior Team will be working with Mrs Gorton and Mrs Harper over the coming weeks to plan the outdoor areas.

**Football Team:** Well done to our brand new football team (which includes 2 girls for the first time in a very long time!). Last night they played the first game in our new Winter League and won both games. This is a fantastic start and I am sure only the beginning of a successful season. Keep it up!

**Astronomical Attendance:** This week, the winners of Astronomical Attendance are Class 5, with 97.4% attendance, well done!

**Reception: 96.7%%**

**Y1: 89.2%**

**Y2: 91.1%**

**Y3: 96.4 %**

**Y4: 96.5%**

**Y5: 97.4%**

**Y6: 97.0%**

**Our 'Stars of the Week' this week are:**

Y1: Rose Sanderson for super addition in maths

Y2: Daniel Hill-Neil for wonderful homework all about castles

Y3: Lucas Hawkins for fantastic science work

Y4: Y4 Literacy & Language group for a wonderful poem

Y5: Brendan Pearce for excellent problem solving in maths and settling brilliantly into our school

Y6: Dylan Cumberland for a superb recount in writing





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**Dates for your Diary:** (please also check the school website diary pages for key dates throughout the year)

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15-10.15am Macmillan Coffee Morning Fundraiser: all welcome!
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	3.15pm PACT meeting for parents (refreshments served)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 trip to Beamish Museum all day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	1.00pm: E -Safety Assembly for Parents
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Y4 & Y5 residential trip to Ford Castle, Scotland
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>School Closed for Staff Training</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	9.10am Year 1 Class Assembly, refreshments served afterwards
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Am: Y6 visit to Pizza Express & Durham Cathedral
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>2.55pm: School Closes for Half Term</b>

Mrs Page  
Headteacher



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